

## INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

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**Name, Location, Ownership**

1. Historic name: D. Bartlett Farm
2. District or area: Oak Hill Agricultural Neighborhood
3. Street and number: 251 Oak Hill Rd.
4. City or town: Concord
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: Marjorie Patten

**Function or Use**

7. Current use(s): residence
8. Historic use(s): farmstead

**Architectural Information**

9. Style/type: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Construction date: ca. mid-19<sup>th</sup> c.
13. Source: Research, ext. visual analysis
14. Alterations, with dates: multiple: see attached
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

16. Foundation: granite block
17. Cladding: vinyl
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: ridge (W end)
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 1/1
- Replacement? no ☐ yes ☒ date: 20<sup>th</sup> c.

**Site Features**

25. Setting: rural
26. Outbuildings: barn, shed
27. Landscape features: small field behind house
28. Acreage: 19 acres

**Description:** View of house

35. Photo #1
36. Date Fall 2008
37. Roll #5      Frame #9A      Direction: NE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

29. Tax map/parcel: 120-1-2
30. UTM reference: 19.296780 / 4793660
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Penacook, 1:24000

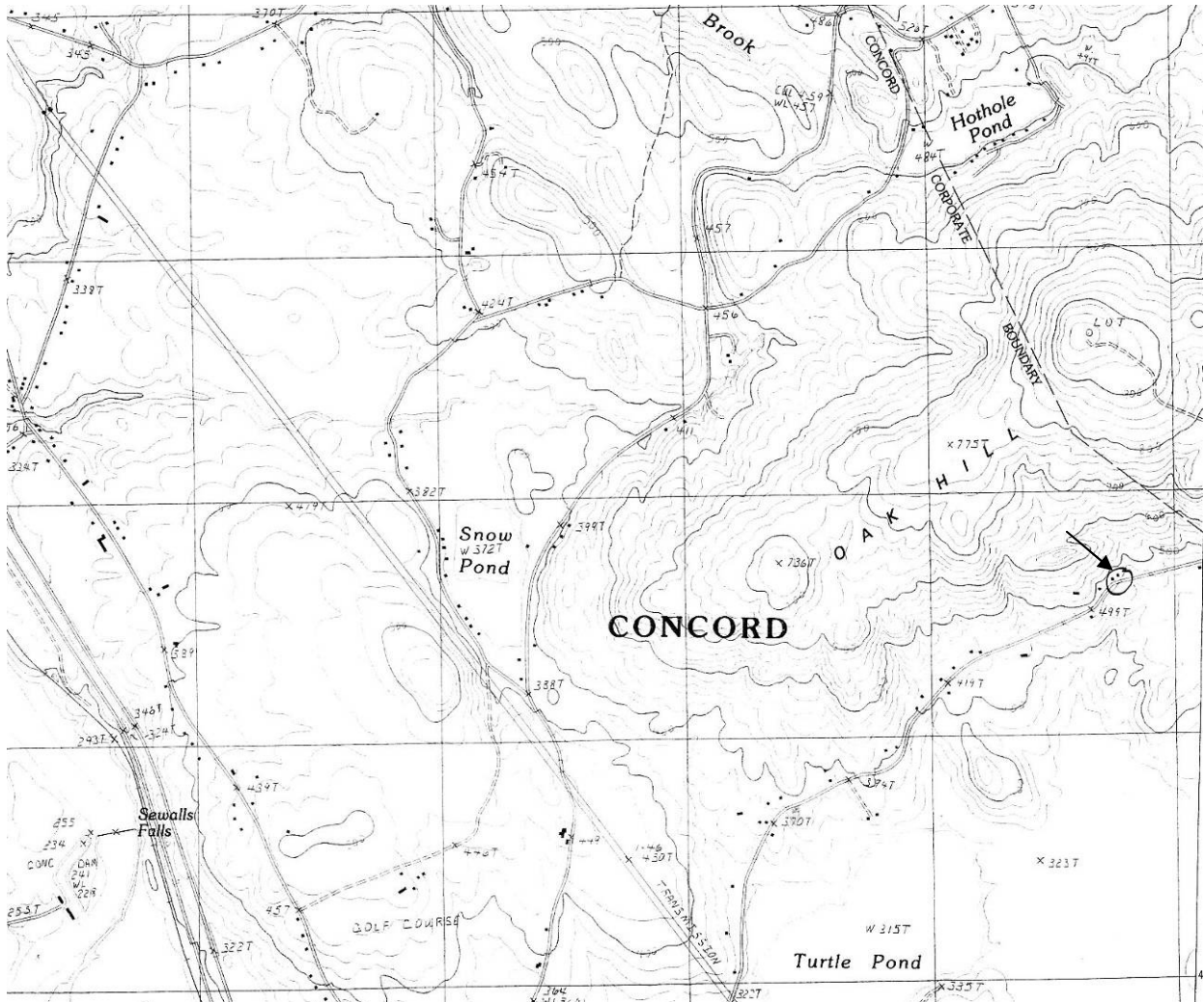
**Form prepared by**

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33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission
34. Date of survey: Fall 2008

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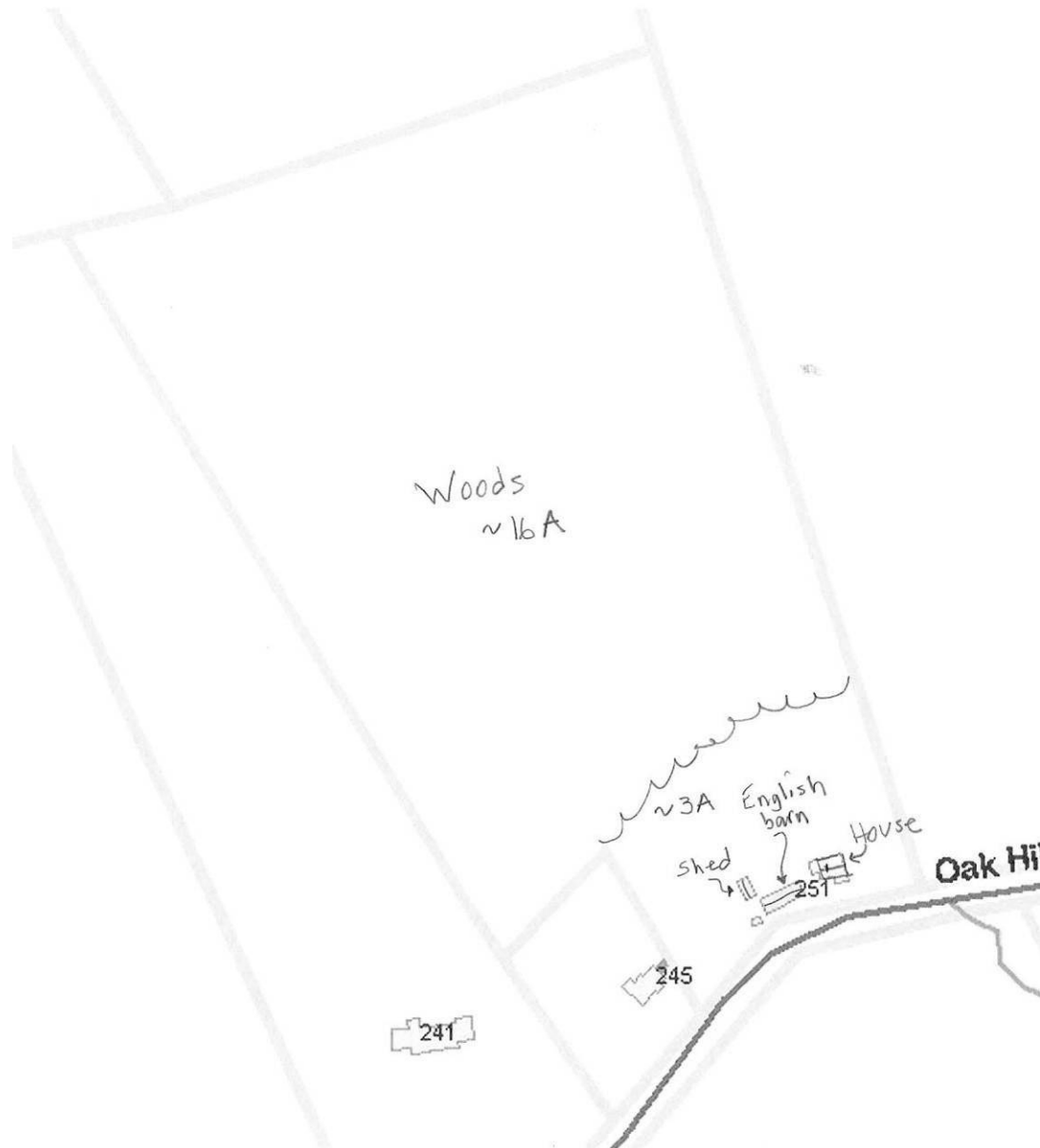
39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



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40. PROPERTY MAP:



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This form was completed as part of a survey of rural agricultural properties within the City of Concord, a project sponsored by the Heritage Commission. The overall purpose of the project was to raise public awareness of the city's rich agricultural legacy through a combination of identification, education, public policy and preservation planning tools.

Due to limited resources, the survey focused on barns and outbuildings that met all of the following criteria: (1) were sited on at least 10 acres of land; (2) they were located in a fairly rural area and not within the city center or an outlying village; (3) the surrounding land retained historic landscape features, such as open fields, pasture, and stone walls; (4) the outbuildings retained a high level of integrity from their agricultural era. None of the barns on the St. Paul's School campus were included. In addition, a few landmark barns, even if on a small lot, were included. Approximately 45 properties were included in the survey. Whenever possible, an interior inspection of the buildings was undertaken.

The survey was conducted at the reconnaissance-level. Historic background information was acquired from questionnaires sent to each property owner, personal interviews, a review of historic maps, and limited research in local histories. Certainly, additional research data on farms is available from population and, in particular, agricultural census records, and owners are encouraged to pursue those to add to this data base.

When properties were part of a larger, agricultural district, the form locates them as such, and a separate form documenting that historic agricultural neighborhood was prepared.

**41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:**

The age of the English barn on this property suggests the farm was first established by 1820. (Whether the existing house dates back that far is unknown, without a thorough physical inspection.) By 1858, D. Bartlett was farming here. The 1892 map shows the farm in the ownership of L. Cole.

According to the owner, whose former husband was a Potter, Ed Potter, one of the members of the prolific Potter family along Oak Hill Road, acquired the farm circa 1940. The current owner raised cows here in recent years and indicated a hay barn once stood across the road.

**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

51. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.

**43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:**

This 20-acre parcel is wooded, save approximately three mowed acres behind the house. Sitting close by the road are a 19<sup>th</sup> century (perhaps earlier, but substantially altered) house, English barn, and shed.

House (ca. mid-19<sup>th</sup> c.): This much altered house is a 1 ½ story, 5x2-bay, kneewall structure with twin outer chimneys (only one survives), and late 19<sup>th</sup> c. eave gabled dormers. It rests on a granite block foundation. Alterations include vinyl siding, replacement 1/1 sash, front porch and bay window, and various additions to the west elevation.

Barn (ca. 1790s-1820): One of only a handful of English barns in Concord, this is a three-bay structure with a scribe rule frame and original rafter roof frame on the north. (The south roof frame was recently

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rebuilt with modern construction methods.) Most of the primary frame is original, including posts, beams, most braces and some early wall sheathing. The collar ties rest on top of the posts. Beyond its shape and dimensions, the exterior of the barn offers little clue to its early construction. Walls are sheathed with a variety of materials (vertical and horizontal boards, as well as shingles), and there are lean-to additions on either end. The roof is clad with corrugated metal. On the front elevation, there is a pair of 20<sup>th</sup> c. vertical-board doors in each bay.

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

This property, with its 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and surrounding fields and woodland, retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

**48. Bibliography and/or References:**

Amsden, Grace P., *A Capital for New Hampshire*. Unpublished manuscript in 3 vols., written between 1930 and 1960.

Bouton, Nathaniel, *The History of Concord*. Concord: Benning W. Sanborn, 1856.

*City of Concord Directories*, 1812 -1970.

Lyford, James O., ed., *History of Concord, NH*. Concord: Rumford Press, 1903, 2 vols.

Potter family papers. Private collection.

**Maps, Atlases, Plans and Views**

1858 *Map of Merrimack County*. Surveyed by H. E Walling, New York. Published by Smith and Peavey.

1892 *Town and County Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*. Compiled by D. H. Hurd and Co., Boston.  
2006 *Aerial Maps*. City of Concord.

**Surveyor's Evaluation**

NR listed: individual ☐  
within district ☐

Integrity: yes (barn frame) ☒  
no ☐

NR eligible:  
individual ☐  
within district ☐  
not eligible ☐  
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☐  
B ☐  
C ☐  
D ☐  
E ☐

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Photo 2 description: Front (south) elevation of barn  
Roll: 8 Frame: 21 Direction: N



Photo 3 description: Rear (north) elevation of barn  
Roll: 5 Frame: 10A Direction: SE

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Photo 4 description: Barn: interior view of original roof framing on rear (north) slope  
Roll: 5 Frame: 7A Direction: W



Photo 5 description: Barn: interior view showing scribe rule mark on 2<sup>nd</sup> bent from west  
Roll: 5 Frame: 8A Direction: SW



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Photo 6 description: Front (east) elevation of shed.

Roll: 5 Frame: 6A Direction: W